श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन: सभापति महोदय, मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि गुजरात में गैस के नए कुएं खोदे गए हैं और वहां से जो गैस निकली और निकल रही है, उनके बारे में कई राज्यों से उन्होंने बात की है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि किन-किन राज्यों से उन्होंने बात की है और किस राज्य ने क्या मांग प्रस्तुत की है? गुजरात से जो गैस निकलती है, वह उत्तर प्रदेश भी जाती है। क्या मंत्री जी यह बता सकेंगे कि कितने प्रतिशत गैस उत्तर प्रदेश जाती है और कितने प्रतिशत गैस अन्य राज्यों को जाती है?

श्री राम नाईक: हालांकि यह सवाल इसी प्रश्न से निकलता है लेकिन अभी मेरे पास इसकी जानकारी नहीं है। मैं माननीय सदस्य को लिखित रूप में इसकी जानकारी भिजवा दूंगा।

*123. *[The questioners (Shri Sukhdev Singh Libra and Sardar Gurcharan Singh Tohra) were absent, for answer, vide page 24 infra]*

*124. *[The questioner (Shri Satish Pradhan) was absent, for answer, vide page 25 infra]*

Major Irrigation Projects in Orissa

*125. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the name and the number of multipurpose, multi-State and major irrigation projects under execution in Orissa;

(b) the scheduled date of their completion and progress thereof as on date;

(c) the irrigation and power potential of these projects;

(d) to what extent Orissa, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh would be benefited by these projects;

(e) the number of people affected, villages submerged by these projects; and

(f) the compensation paid to the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) There is only one major irrigation project which is also multi-purpose and multi-state under execution in Orissa namely Subarnarekha Irrigation Project comprising of Jambira, Haldia & Baura Dams with canal systems. This project is a part of the Subarnarekha multi-purpose project in Jharkhand to utilize Orissa's share of 1216 Million Cubic Metre (M.cu.m.) [0.986 Million Acre Feet (MAF)] out of allocation of 1480 M.cu.m. (1.2 MAF) made in the Tripartite Agreement of 7.8.1978 among three States of Orissa, West Bengal & earstwhile Bihar. The Project will irrigate 1.87 lakh hac. annually in Orissa. There is a proposal to generate power also at the 3 storage dams. Jambhira Dam and Canal Systems are under construction. For Haldia Dam & Baura Dam, field investigations are in progress. The completion of the project will extend beyond X Plan as informed by the State Government.

(d) The Subarnarekha multi-purpose project also benefits Jharkhand & West Bengal as under.

Jharkhand

(i) 2.36 lakh hac. annual irrigation in East & West Singhbum districts.

(ii) Industrial & Municipal water supply (825 M.cu.m.).

(iii) Power-8 mw

West Bengal

(i) 1.14 lakh hac. irrigation.

(ii) Flood control benefits. (to Orissa also)

(e) Subarnarekha Irrigation Project in Orissa and Icha dam in Jharkhand involve a total submergence of 6560 hac. in 109 villages in Orissa including displacement of 9044 families.

(f) According to Government of Orissa Rs. 21.05 crore compensation has been paid so far.

SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Sir, the hon. Minister has stated in her reply that the Subarnarekha Irrigation Project is a multi-purpose and

multi-state project. The Tripartite Agreement was made during the year 1978, and now, the hon. Minister has stated in her reply that the completion of this project may go beyond the 10th Plan. There is no fixed time schedule as to when this project will be completed. But this is a multipurpose, multi-state major irrigation project in the State of Orissa, which will benefit three States, that is, erstwhile Bihar, now Jharkhand, West Bengal and Orissa. This project will provide irrigation, electricity and it will supply water to municipalities and industries. So, this project is a very, very important project. The Tripartite Agreement was made during 1978, and now, the year 2001 is going to end. It is not known as to when this project will be completed during the Tenth Plan. The hon. Minister may clarify the following points. When was this project started? What is the estimated cost of this project? What would be its cost on completion? When is this project going to be completed?

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, I share the concern of the hon. Member. It is really a very unfortunate legacy in respect of different water irrigation projects which has been caused due to different complications. Probably, the hon. Member is aware of the fact that the normal gestation period of a major irrigation project ranges from 10 years to 15 years, and the normal gestation period of a medium irrigation project is 5 years. Although the Tripartite Agreement had been signed during 1978, the actual work started in 1985—90. We have also started giving the AIBP fund. The work on the project has started during the years 1985—90. So, we have given the AIBP from 1996-97. So, it is really difficult to say when the project will be completed.

Regarding the cost of the project, as we all know, when the project is delayed, the cost escalates day-by-day. This is a major constraint in the case of all projects, whether it is a water resources project or any other project. This is a major project on the Subarnarekha river. One part of the project is in Jharkhand; the second part is in Orissa, and the third part is in West Bengal. The latest estimated cost of the project in the Jharkhand part is Rs. 2,376.5 crores. An amount of Rs. 884 crores has been spent up to March, 2000. Regarding Orissa- as the hon. Member belongs to Orissa, probably, he may be glad to know

this — I want to apprise the hon. Member that the latest estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1,270 crores, and the expenditure incurred up to March, 2000 is Rs. 400 crores. I hope, with the goodwill of the people and the political will of the State Government, the project will be completed by the Tenth Five-Year Plan. It may depend on the priorities of the States Government.

SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Sir, the Subarnarekha river is causing havoc in the district of Balasore. Every year there are floods, and there is a hue and cry in the State of Orissa. The floods in the Subarnarekha river is causing damages. Every year our people are suffering. This project on the Subarnareka river is meant to control floods also. However, it is surprising that the hon. Minister is not aware whether it is going to be completed during the Tenth Five-Year Plan and whether there is any time schedule. I hope the Minister, at least, the Government, will give importance to this project because this is a multi-purpose, multi-state project. It will control the floods in the district of Balasore for times to come.

Besides that, in the reply, the Minister has stated that 6,560 hectares of land in 109 villages will be submerged, and 9,044 families will be displaced. Till today, the compensation paid to the displaced families is Rs. 21.05 crores. May I know, exactly how many families have been displaced so far? What is the estimated amount of compensation to be paid to the displaced families? I would like to know whether any other benefit is given to the displaced families, like employment or any other thing. If no other benefit is given, I would like to know whether the Government is going to give the entire compensation to the affected or displaced families.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, the Subarnarekha project originates in Jharkhand. Its main purpose is to meet the water requirements of Jharkhand and also for flood control in Orisa. The hon. Member is aware of the fact that two large dams are proposed to be constructed. One is at Icha and the other is at Baura. The area affected in Orissa by Jambira, Haldia and Baura dams is 6,560 hectares of forest land, and the number of villages affected is 109.

Out of the above area, 3,524 hectares of land were acquired in February, and the resettlement would be made. An amount of Rs. 21.05 crores has been spent so far on land acquisition and other relief and rehabilitation work, against a provision of Rs. 85.61 crores. Probably, the hon. Member might be aware of the fact that a National Committee has also been formed to look after the relief and rehabilitation work wherever a big dam has been constructed. So to minimise the effect and to expedite the work of giving relief to the people whose lands were submerged due to big barrages and big dams, we are doing everything. The Ministry of Rural Development has taken care of all these aspects.

SHRI ANANTA SETHI: What is the total amount of compensation for the displaced families?

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: The number of people affected in Haldia is 1,229. In Jambira, it is 6,672. In Baura, Orissa it is 5,474. The number of affected people due to the Icha Dam is 9,653. In all 23,420 people have been affected. The money proposed to be spent on relief and rehabilitation work is Rs. 85 crores.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Sir, there are many rivers on which projects have been designed. Those projects are going to be useful for irrigation purpose and for supplying power to hydel projects. I am sorry to say that the Sardar Sarover Project has not been recognised as a national project despite so many requests made by the people of Gujarat. At the same time, if all the big projects which have been designed are recognised as national projects, the whole nation will be able to get power. Does the Government plan to recognise all such project which have been designed on big rivers as national projects?

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, this question does not come under the purview of the main question. But it is felt that after the commencement of the Five Year Plans, a systematic planning has been undertaken for irrigation development in the country. If the hon. Member wants to know something about the Sardar Sarovar Project, I will write to him.

MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Sir, the State of Orissa has only one major

irrigation project. It is indeed very sad. Orissa is one of the least irrigated States although a lot of rivers flow through Orissa. Every year Orissa suffers from floods because of these rivers. Does the Government have any plan to help the farmers of Orissa by constructing dams on the Mahanadi so that the floods could be contained and water could be conserved and used for irrigation which will benefit the farmers?

SHRIMATI BOJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, there is one irrigation project, i.e. Citrapala on the Mahanadi. We have already spent Rs. 150 crores on this project. It is supposed to be completed soon. I will keep in mind the suggestion made by the hon. Member for constructing more dams for the benefit of the farmers.

Reforms in financial sector

*126. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether in view of economic slowdown in the country, the Government have constituted an advisory team to assist them with reforms in the financial sector;

(b) if so, the composition of the advisory team;

(c) Whether the Government have formulated any plans to overcome the economic slowdown in the country; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Reforms in financial sector

(a) and (b) The Finance Minister has constituted an Informal Advosory Group on Financial Sector Reforms with a view to seeking suggestions for Financial Sector Reforms in the Short and Medium Term. The composition of the Group is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).